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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: COUNTRY EVALUATION PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN

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- 1. D/HA AND S/P HAVE ASKED THAT THE CEP FOR AFGHANISTAN SUBMITTED LAST JULY BE SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED. THEY ASKED THAT THE CEP BE BROKEN DOWN INTO INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS DISCUSSING CURRENT ACTUAL PRACTICES RATHER THAN THEORETICAL GUARANTEES IN THE CONSTITUTION OR TRADITIONAL CONDITIONS. THEY ALSO REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND IN SECTION B ASKED FOR A SPECIFIC ACTION PROGRAM TARGETED AT THE MOST SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE NEXT 3, 6, AND 12 MONTHS.
- 2. THIS NEW CEP IS TO BE USED TO GUIDE INTERNAL DECISION-MAKING AND AS THE BASIS FOR PREPARING UNCLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION REPORTS FOR SUBMISSION WITH THE CPD TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESS EARLY IN 1978.

- 3. THE REVISED DRAFT CEP WHICH FOLLOWS BELOW HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY LENGTHENED, AND RECAST. SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS DRAFT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OVER BUT IT IS BASICALLY A FRESH START.
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CEP AND YOUR SUGGESTED REVISIONS. PLEASE GET THEM TO US BY OPENING OF BUSINESS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17. AS CEP WILL FORM BASIS OF UNCLASSIFIED CONGRESSIONAL SUBMISSION WOULD

ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHAT PART(S) OF CEP SHOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED.

- A. CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN
- 1. RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON INCLUDING FREEDOM FROM:

A. TORTURE: AFGHAN SOCIETY IS SECRETIVE AND WE HAVE LITTLE RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF TORTURE. FOLLOWING THE 1973 COUP, A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE PLACED IN PRISON WITHOUT PUBLIC TRIAL. A NUMBER OF THOSE WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TORTURED, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THESE ALLEGATIONS.

B. CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON INSTANCES OF CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT. A COMPREHENSIVE PENAL CODE CONTAINING SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEES HAS BEEN PREPARED TO REPLACE THE EARLIER MIXTURE OF ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE, CUSTOM AND STATUTORY LAW. PRISON CONDITIONS ARE NOT GOOD, BUT ARE IMPROVING.

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C. ARBITRARY ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT: WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO INVESTIGATE CASES MORE FAIRLY. RECENTLY INVESTIGATIVE POWERS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE POLICE TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. THIS TRANSFER SEEMS TO BE WORKING SMOOTHLY AND HAS RESULTED IN FEWER ARBITRARY ARRESTS.

MOST OF THE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AT THE TIME OF THE 1973 COUP HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN TERMINATED. IN 1975, A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. IN JULY 1977, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THREE OF THESE QUOTE TERRORISTS UNQUOTE HAD BEEN EXECUTED AND THE REMAINDER WERE GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES OR WERE RELEASED. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE PROBABLY BETWEEN 50-60 QUOTE POLITICAL PRISONERS UNQUOTE, NONE HAVE ANY PROMINENCE.

D. DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL: INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF OFFENSES RELATED TO THE SECURITY OR EXISTENCE OF THE STATE ARE TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS. THESE COURTS ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE QUOTE FAIR UNQUOTE OR QUOTE UNFAIR UNQUOTE.

INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF OTHER OFFENSES ARE GIVEN FAIR PUBLIC TRIALS. IN ADDITION TO THE NEW PENAL CODE MENTIONED ABOVE, NEW FAMILY COURTS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO RESOLVE DIVORCE CASES, CHILD CUSTODY PROBLEMS, ETC.

E. INVASION OF THE HOME: AFGHANISTAN IS A VERY TRADITIONAL, CLOSED AND CONSERVATIVE MOSLEM SOCIETY. MOST HOMES ARE SHIELDED BY MASSIVE WALLS AND THE PRIVACY AND SANCTITY OF THE HOME AND HOMELIFE ARE SACRED TENANTS.

2. RESPECT FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES:

A. FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION AND ASSEMBLY: THE RIGHTS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION, AND ASSEMBLY HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN CIRCUMSCRIBED IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH DIRECT AND INDIRECT MEANS. THE PRESS IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED, BUT DISPLAYS SOME INCREASING DEGREES, ALBEIT MODEST OF PROFESSIONALISM. AFGHAN CITIZENS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO ISLAM, THE DESIGNATED NATIONAL RELIGION; AND POLITICAL ASSEMBLY IS GENERALLY PERMITTED ONLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE NO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

B. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN A COUNTRY, FOREIGN TRAVEL AND EMIGRATION POLICIES: MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY IS CONTROLLED, AS IS FOREIGN TRAVEL AND EMIGRATION. PERSONS BORN AS AFGHAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED IN OTHER COUNTRIES MAY FACE LEGAL SANCTIONS IF THEY RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN.

C. DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES ASSURING THE FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS: THE NEW CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR A POLITICAL SYSTEM WITH A SINGLE-PARTY AND A SINGLE-CHAMBER LEGISLATURE. THE CHARTER OF QUOTE THE PARTY OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION UNQUOTE WAS PROCLAIMED LAST AUGUST. ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATE 1979. THERE WILL BE NO LEGISLATURE IN THE INTERIM. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING PARTY MEMBERS OR LEGISLATORS WILL BE DEMOCRATIC

3. RECENT TRENDS IN GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES RELATING TO THE FULFILLMENT OF BASIC NEEDS FOR FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION.

A. POLICIES DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOR AND POLICIES WHICH TEND TO IGNORE THE NEEDS OF THE POOR: CONFIDENTIAL

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AFGHANISTAN IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES. ITS NATURAL RESOURCES ARE LIMITED AND ONLY 22 PERCENT OF THE LAND IS ARABLE. PER CAPITA INCOME IS ABOUT 132 DOLLARS:

LIFE EXPECTANCY IS ONLY 34 YEARS; INFANT MORTALITY IS 220 DEATHS PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS AND LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS LITERATE. THE NEW REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS MANY OF WHICH ARE FOCUSSED ON THE RURAL POOR. TO THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS SEVENYEAR PLAN. INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN ARE PROGRAMS TO:

- -- ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN WHEAT.
- -- TO BUILD 76 NEW BASIC HEALTH CENTERS IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING THE 121 EXISTING BASIC HEALTH CENTERS.
- -- TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FROM 78,400 CLIENTS IN 1976 TO A TARGET AUDIENCE OF 2.2 MILLION.
- -- TO CONSTRUCT 2,800 REPLACEMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, 2,200 TO BE LOCATED IN RURAL AREAS. TO GO ALONG WITH THE SCHOOLS THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO TRAIN 27,000 NEW PRIMARY TEACHERS AND TO EXPAND ENROLLMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION BY 38 PERCENT. THE SEVEN-YEAR PLAN NOTES THAT A QUOTE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE UNQUOTE IS TO HELP GIRLS FROM THE PROVINCES TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MODERN EDUCATION.

THE ONLY PORTION OF THE PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET WHICH MIGHT TEND TO IGNORE THE NEEDS OF THE POOR IS AN ALLOCATION OF 900 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD A RAILROAD LINE THROUGH AFGHANISTAN. THIS MASSIVE PROJECT WOULD NOT BRING ANY DIRECT BENEFITS TO THE POOR.

B. CORRUPTION OF SUCH A NATURE THAT SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE DIVERTED TOWARD THE NATION'S ELITES AND AWAY FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION: ALTHOUGH THERE IS PETTY CORRUPTION AND THE PAYING OF QUOTE SWEETENERS UNQUOTE IS NOT UNKNOWN, WE DO NOT THINK THIS CREATES A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO THE DIVERSION OF RESOURCES AWAY FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION.

4. THE LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FOREGOING HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS.

THE MAIN DOCUMENT WHICH ARTICULATES THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WAS RATIFIED IN FEBRUARY 1977. THE CONSTITUTION IS A LIBERAL ONE AND CONTAINS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS FROM TORTURE, CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT, ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT, DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL AND INVASION OF THE HOME. HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS ARE FROM TIME TO

TIME ARTICULATED IN THE MEDIA OR IN SPEECHES BY RANKING PUBLIC OFFICIALS. SIMILARLY VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE CONDONED IN THE PRESS AND IN SPEECHES.

IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. HOWEVER, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES TO GO ON THE PUBLIC RECORD IN SETTING STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST WHICH ITS PERFORMANCE CAN BE MEASURED.

5. THE WILLINGNESS AND PAST RECORD OF THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING INDEPENDENT, OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, NO INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE BODY HAS SOUGHT TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. NEITHER THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT OF 1975/76 NOR AMNESTY'S 1976 REPORT OF TORTURE CONTAINS A SECTION ON AFGHANISTAN. FREEDOM HOUSE HAS CLASSIFIED AFGHANISTAN AS QUOTE NOT FREE UNQUOTE.

## B. ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THE MOST SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE COUNTRY'S GRINDING POVERTY. WHEN 20 PERCENT OF THE INFANTS DIE BEFORE THEY REACH THE AGE OF 5, THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING MORE THAN MERELY VIOLATED. MANY OF THE REMAINING 80 PERCENT DO NOT GET OPPORTUNITIES TO READ AND GO TO SCHOOL BUT REMAIN IN THEIR VILLAGES SURVIVING AT A SUBSISTANCE LEVEL.

THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH WILL NOT BE CURED IN THE NEXT THREE, SIX OR TWELVE MONTHS. THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT HAS SET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS ITS MAIN GOAL HOPING THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT WILL ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF A MORE MODERN AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY -- GIVING ALL AFGHANS A MEANINGFUL STAKE IN THE NATION.

THUS THE MAIN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN TAKE IS TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. BOTH OUR AID AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT MEETING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN NEEDS AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS. SPECIFICALLY PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SHOULD TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BE ASSIGNED TO RURAL AREAS IN PROJECTS WHICH WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE RURAL POOR.

SIMILARLY OUR AID PROGRAMS SHOULD DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE

FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE SEVEN-YEAR PLAN. AID CONFIDENTIAL

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PROGRAMS SHOULD ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES, THE DISSEMINATION OF FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TEACHER TRAINING, THE PROMOTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES PARTICULARLY FOR RURAL WOMEN AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN WHEAT PRODUCTION.

ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT AFGHANISTAN REMAINS AN EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE AND TRADITIONAL MOSLEM STATE. AN AFGHAN'S MAIN LOYALTIES ARE TO THE EXTENDED FAMILY AND TRIBE AND THERE ARE VAST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EXERCISES LITTLE IF ANY EFFECTIVE CONTROL. RECENT QUOTE EXPERIMENTS IN DEMOCRACY UNQUOTE HAVE FAILED AND PREVIOUS RULERS WHO TRIED TO GO TOO FAR TOO FAST WERE DEPOSED BY CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS. THE NEW CONSTITUTION SEEKS TO COMBINE TRADITIONAL AFGHAN ELEMENTS AND LIBERAL WESTERN IDEALS. THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE CRITICAL ONES AS PRESIDENT DAOUD SEEK TO ASSURE A QUOTE NORMAL UNQUOTE SUCCESSION AND TRIES TO DEVELOP CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT, PARTY AND LEGISLATURE CAN WORK HARMONIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER.

DURING THIS DELICATE PERIOD, US OFFICIALS IN A POSITIVE MANNER CAN EXPRESS OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS AND URGE THE AFGHANS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE NEWLY ADOPTED CONSTITUTION, PARTICULARLY THOSE PROVISIONS GUARANTEEING HUMAN RIGHTS. SIMILARLY USIS IN KABUL CAN EMPHASIZE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY IN THEIR SELECTION OF SPEAKERS, BY ISSUING PRESS RELEASES AND BY PREPARING ARTICLES FOR DISTRIBUTION IN QUOTE MARZAYE NOW UNQUOTE.

2. PRINCIPAL REACTIONS PRO AND CON TO THE NEW U.S. HUMAN CONFIDENTIAL

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RIGHTS POLICIES AND EMBASSY ACTIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THESE POLICIES:

TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, IN A SELECTIVE AND POSITIVE FASHION, TO CONTINUE TO SHOW INCREASED REGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THEY ARE LIKELY TO PROVE RECEPTIVE. MOST MEMBERS OF THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN EDUCATED ABROAD AND HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH ADVANCED DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. THEY APPEAR EAGER TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR BONAFIDES AS A RESPONSIBLE MODERNIZING STATE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD --AND ARE WELL AWARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY HAVE

CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HAVE CONDEMNED VIOLATIONS OF

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CERTAIN REGIONS, SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA.
THEY HAVE RECENTLY JOINED THE US AS A CO-SPONSOR OF A
RESOLUTION TO CREATE A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS. TO THE AFGHAN LEADERS THERE IS A FINE LINE BETWEEN
ENCOURAGEMENT AND OUTSIDE MEDDLING. THEY ARE A PROUD,
INDEPENDENT AND SOMEWHAT XENOPHOBIC PEOPLE. IF THEY FEEL
WE ARE MEDDLING IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR PREACHING TO
THEM OR MAKING DEMANDS BEYOND THEIR CURRENT CAPACITY THEY
WOULD MOST LIKELY RESIST AND SHOW RESENTMENT AND US/AFGHAN
RELATIONS WOULD BE DAMAGED.

3. EVALUATE REACTIONS IN 2 ABOVE IN TERMS OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CHANGES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN AFGHANISTAN HAVE BEEN SLOWLY IMPROVING SINCE THE 1973 COUP. ASSUMING POLITICAL STABILITY AND CONTINUING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS PROMISING TREND SHOULD CONTINUE.

THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE EFFECTIVE --WITHOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVING UNDUE OFFENSE-- IN URGING THE AFGHANS TO FULFILL THOSE SATISFACTORY HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS THEY THEMSELVES HAVE PROCLAIMED IN THEIR NEW CONSTITUTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION.

4.(A) WHERE A HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD JUSTIFIES U.S. ACTIONS, EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF THOSE ACTIONS ON OTHER US INTERESTS IN THAT COUNTRY.

OUR THREE MAIN GOALS IN AFGHANISTANARETO PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY (IT SHARES A 1,200 MILE BORDER WITH THE USSR), TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN NEEDS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS, AND TO WORK WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, THE UN AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP ERADICATE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AND CONTROL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

AS MENTIONED IN B(1) ABOVE, THE GRINDING POVERTY IN THE COUNTRY IS A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FULL HUMAN RIGHTS. SUCH RIGHTS DO NOT HAVE MUCH MEANING FOR PEOPLE EKING OUT A MERE SUBSISTENCE-LEVEL EXISTENCE. THUS HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS ALONE JUSTIFY CONTINUING OUR AID AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS AND OUR BEING RESPONSIVE TO AFGHAN REQUESTS FOR PL-480 ASSISTANCE WHEN THERE ARE DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

IF WE CROSS THE FINE LINE BETWEEN ENCOURAGEMENT

AND MEDDLING THE PROUD AFGHANS ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF TELLING US TO PACK UP AND GET OUT. THIS WOULD INCREASE THE

POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET DOMINATION, JEOPARDISE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. IT WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS OR THEIRS.

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4.(B) WHERE THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IS GOOD OR ENCOURAGING, INDICATE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE HOST GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS TRENDS IN AFGHANISTAN ARE ENCOURAGING. THE GOA HAS JOINED US IN CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ARE CO-SPONSORING A RESOLUTION WITH US TO ESTABLISH A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS. SINCE US/AFGHAN RELATIONS ARE CORDIAL AND WE ARE SHARING WITH THEM OUR FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SOME US EFFORTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

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